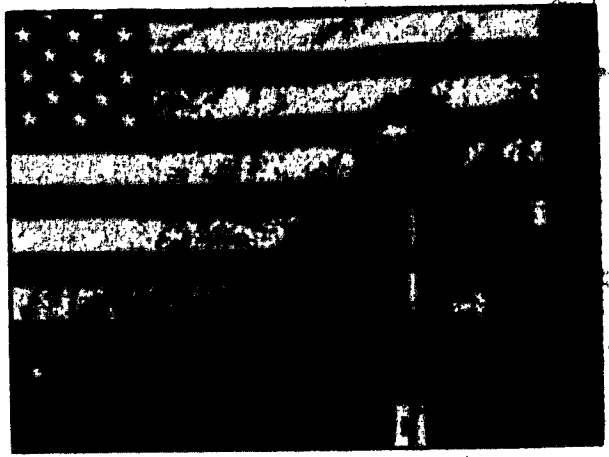


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Volunteers for tree removal

Volunteers are available to help cut, but not haul, downed trees. If you need this service call the VRC at 321-837-6441.

Second Sat. to return Oct. 8

Second Saturday is slated for October 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. Jessie and Carrie will be performing at Clay Creations, 220 Main St. in Bay St. Louis. Music by the Mississippi Jazz Ensemble.

Temporary housing

Application for FEMA temporary housing such as camper trailers can be made at FEMA's site at the skate park behind Daddy O's in Waveland, next to Hudsons. Residents are occupying more homes at a number of sites as installation of utilities continues.

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Hancock Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar and Hancock Emergency Management Director Brian Adam discuss the latest recovery news Wednesday at the Hancock Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Hancock Vo-Tech center at Kiln.

County business moves north (for now)

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

With emergency operations, the chancery clerk's office, the business office for the board of supervisors, and more county government located at the Vo-tech building at Hancock High School and the tax office on Hwy. 603, plus the openings of stores and restaurants in the Kiln area, the once small town has become a bustling center for the whole county.

Officials deny that they plan to permanently move county government north of I-10 however. County offices will be located in trailers set up at the site of the old Hancock County Civic



Stephanie Fortune and her daughter Destanie check out a customer Wednesday at Cajun Village in Kiln. Cajun Village, owned by Stephanie's parents Jim and Christine Fortune, is the only restaurant currently operating in Hancock County.

Center on Longfellow Rd. They should move in there in a couple of weeks when the complex is ready. They will likely need to vacate the school

before the doors open for students on Oct. 14. "We had an office in Kiln that was up and running, and we took advantage of that," said Tax

Assessor Collector Jimmie Ladner about his office's move to their branch on Hwy. 603. "But that is in no way an attempt to move county

government to another location.

"We had no other place to go," said Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar. "We had to open where we could open."

Hancock Emergency Management director Brian Adam told supervisors on Monday that he has long wanted the emergency operations for the county to be located above I-10 to avoid having to evacuate the center. With the current location off Hwy. 90 destroyed, civil defense will move into the Annunciation School building on Kiln DeLisle Rd. on a lease agreement. Some repairs will have to be completed before the move.

As for the town of

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Photo by Jay Trapani
In the true spirit of "life must go on," these cousins and friends, accustomed to getting together each Thursday at Rickey's Bar and Grill on Coleman Avenue in Waveland, refused to let Hurricane Katrina stop them. They simply gathered at the cleared site, set up chairs and brought an ice chest or two and had their own party. And as luck would have it, Sea Coast Echo publisher Randy Ponder was in the area delivering newspapers and provided the crew with something to read in exchange for a cold beverage.

Rickey's Bar & Grill coming back 'ASAP'

BY GEOFF
BELCHER
News Editor

Although Rickey's Bar & Grill at 207 Coleman Ave. in Waveland was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina — like just about everything else south of the railroad tracks — it still has a loyal following. Every Thursday night, a loose gathering of friends, relatives and Rickey's fans gather at the site of the store to share cocktails, tall tales

and update each other on what's been happening since the storm.

Their loyalty is being rewarded.

Rickey's will reopen "as fast as I can do it," restaurateur Rickey Peters said last week. "I've just been waiting for the city to clear off the street."

As soon as the property is clear of debris, Peters said, he is bringing in a quonset hut to serve as a temporary dining room and a trailer to serve as a kitchen.

He's also building a tiki bar for his loyal customers like "Wild" Bill LaPrime.

"The mayor, the city and Kathy Pinn (president of the Coleman Ave. Coalition) are all behind me," Peters said.

Aside from making the place safe for patrons, Peters said his biggest concern is being fair to his employees, many of whom lost their homes in the storm.

"Without our employees," he said, "Rickey's wouldn't be what it is."

Hancock RSVP will open temporary office in Bay

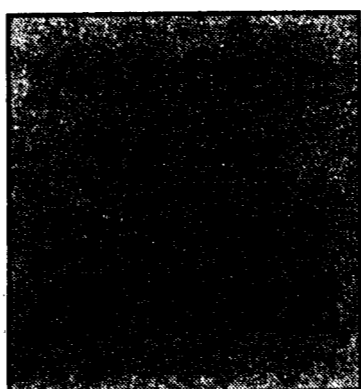
The Hancock County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is asking that all RSVP volunteers please call our temporary office number 228 493-7401 (Jo Ann Lagasse) or 228 493-2300 (Mary Turcotte) and check in with the staff. We are up and running and would like to hear from all of our vol-

unteers.

We will be open in temporary office space at the Longfellow Ave. Civic Center site shortly. We will announce our new office opening as soon as we have a start date.

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Debris removal is beginning south of the tracks in Waveland

BY GEOFF
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News Editor

There's finally a little bit of good news for the city of Waveland: Debris removal is beginning south of the tracks and the federal remapping process - which had originally been estimated to take six to nine months - is due to be complete by some time today, so the city can soon begin issuing building permits to help people get their homes put back together.

The city had not been issuing building permits, Mayor Tommy Longo said last week, because the federal government is in the process of working on new flood maps to Hurricane Katrina specs.

However, Longo said Tuesday during a Waveland Board of Aldermen meeting at the Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment facility - which has been serving as a makeshift city hall and shelter for city employees since the storm - the storm surge caused by Hurricane Katrina has been determined to be in the "1,500-year flood plain."

In other words, that kind of water only goes where it went once every 1,500 years.

While the flood mapping will still change, Longo said, it won't be that much different from the pre-Katrina map, which was based on the storm surge from 1969's Hurricane Camille.

"It would just be irresponsible" to begin issuing building permits until the new flood maps are in, Longo said last week, because it might cause people to begin wasting money by beginning the rebuilding process, then

having to tear it down and start over.

Some homes will have to be raised under the new flood map, but not as many as originally anticipated.

Longo stressed Tuesday that it is vital that people living south of the tracks who want their home sites cleared of debris by the U.S. Corps of Engineers must sign a Right of Entry (ROE) form, which is available at the city Quonset hut on Coleman Ave.

The Corps and FEMA are currently working out

the details of the debris removal, Longo said, and work has already begun. The board of aldermen approved a request by the Corps to clear/clean debris up to 15 feet off the current roadway. Previously, cleanup had been limited to three feet from the road.

This will allow the Corps contractors to remove debris in a continuous pile extending back from the public right of way into private properties where structures remain throughout the city.

In other action

Tuesday:

• The board approved \$1,148,605 in purchases for the fire department, which suffered heavy damages during the storm. The purchases will include two custom pumpers mounted on full custom classics at \$357,421 each, or \$714,814 total; one commercial pumper mounted on a Freightliner chassis at \$217,438; an attack pumper mounted on a Ford F550SD chassis at \$159,989; and additional equipment for all four vehicles at a cost of \$56,336.

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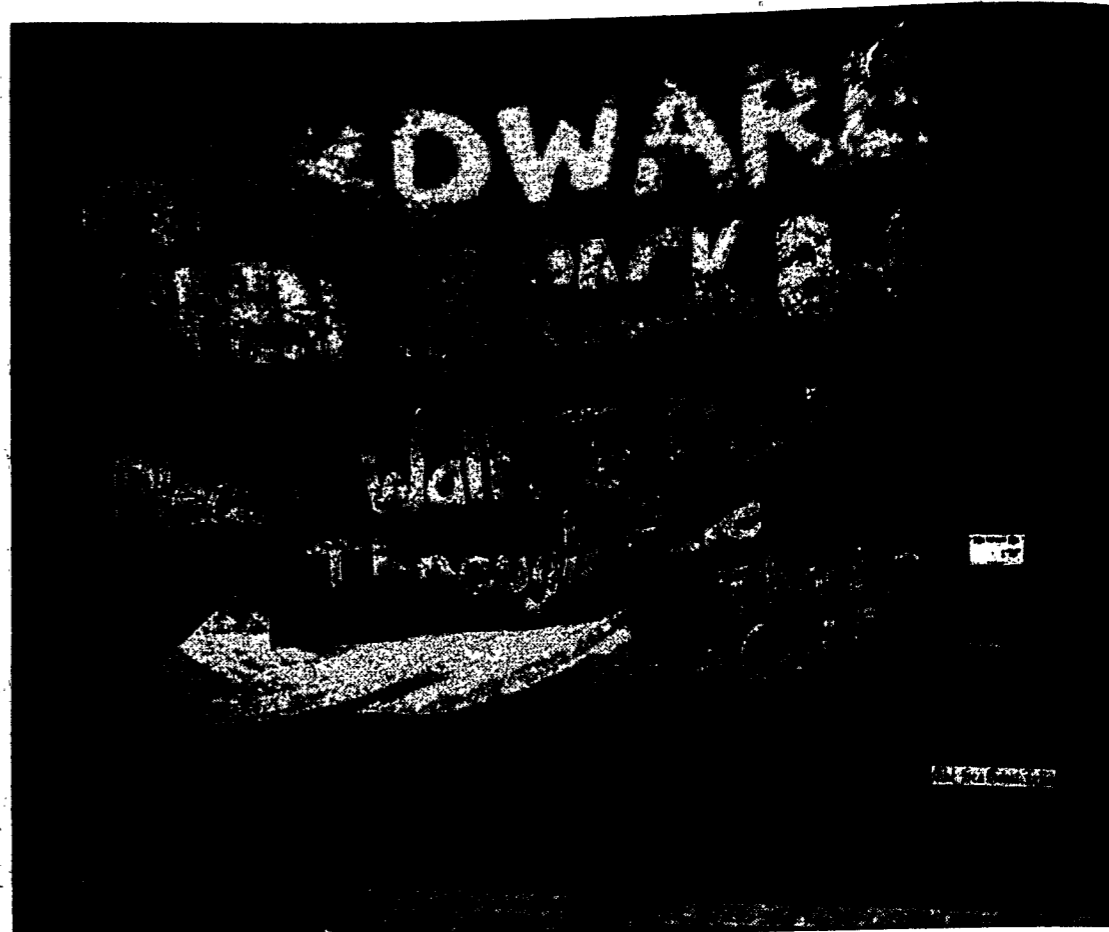


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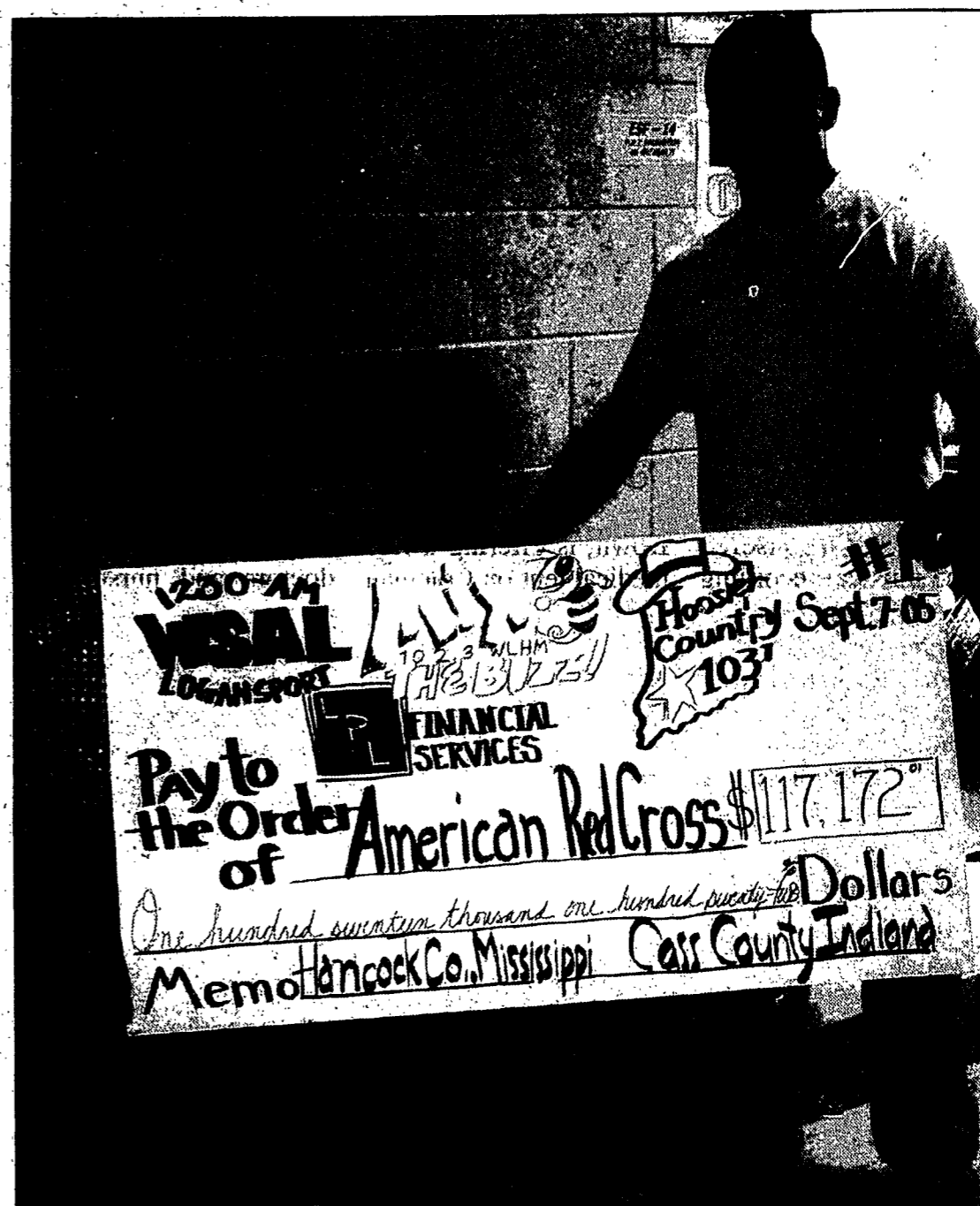
Signs of the Times



Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder
Humor is a necessity following any disaster and this sign at Kiln Wine and Spirits gets its point across with the tongue-in-cheek message, "Katrina didn't break our spirits."



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shellbetter
Coastal Hardware at Kiln is operating out of a temporary center behind the store, which was irreparably damaged during Hurricane Katrina.



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shellbetter
Two new Hancock County residents raised more than \$100,000 for the county. Bob and Phyllis Briney presented a check for \$117,172 at the emergency operations center Wednesday morning. The Brineys recently moved to Perkinston from Logansport, Indiana and left for the storm. While back in Logansport they contacted friends at Radio Station WSAL and joined fundraising efforts. The station manager decided to earmark funds for Hancock County which is the same size as Cass County where the station is located. Funds were raised from collection points at churches, fire stations, restaurants and other businesses. Seven year old Haley Burkett donated \$1,600 that she raised single-handedly at a lemonade stand. The Brineys moved to Hancock county to be near their eight children who are retired here.



Echo staff photo by Jace Ponder
Kassandra Leigh Hamilton and Isaac Burton Breland were married on Oct. 2, refusing to let Katrina interrupt their nuptials.



Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder
This 74 inch diameter pine tree was no match for the fury of Hurricane Katrina. The powerful winds of Katrina whipped the huge tree back and forth until it splintered several feet from its base, then snapped and crashed through power lines and fences in Waveland north of the railroad tracks.



Frances Graves, owner of the Beauty Depot, gives Sea Coast Echo publisher Randy Ponder a much needed haircut Tuesday on the balcony of the Echo's new, temporary office on Kellar Street in Bay St. Louis. The Beauty Depot is now open for business at its old address on Central Avenue in Bay St. Louis. The Echo office is located on the second floor of the building which houses Benigno's Bar and Bay City Grill. Customers may enter from the backside of the structure, walk up the stairs and go through the first door on the right.

Got Water?



A volunteer at the Point of Distribution (P.O.D.) at Schaffer's Grocery on Lower Bay Rd. works on his tan during a brief lull in business. Echo staff photos by Randy Ponder

Free medical tent set up in Waveland

The Better Life group Three Doors Avenue in Waveland. available, along with Foundation, sponsored Down, is offering a free medical tent on Coleman Anyone may visit. ER medications. doctors and nurses are

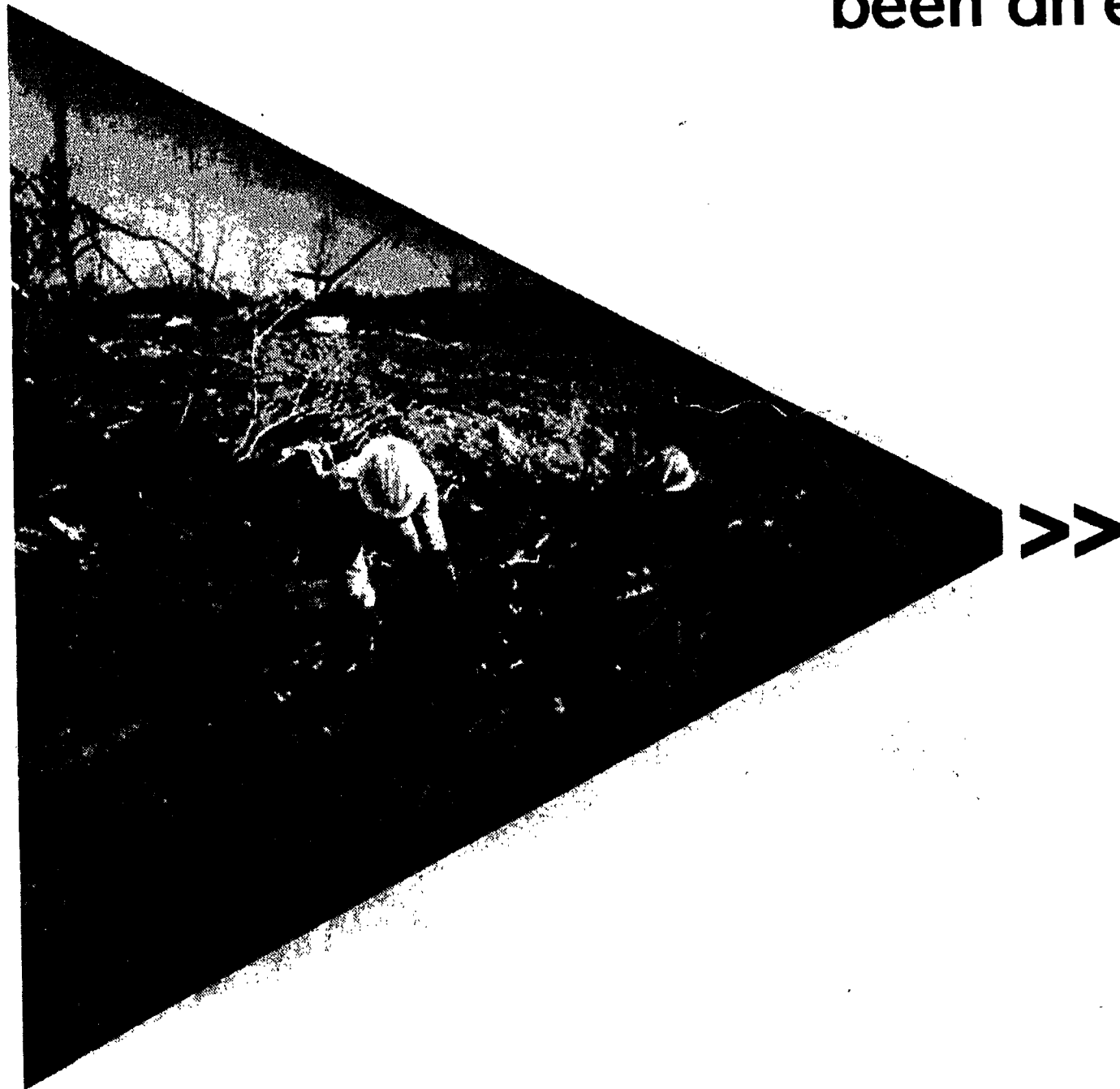
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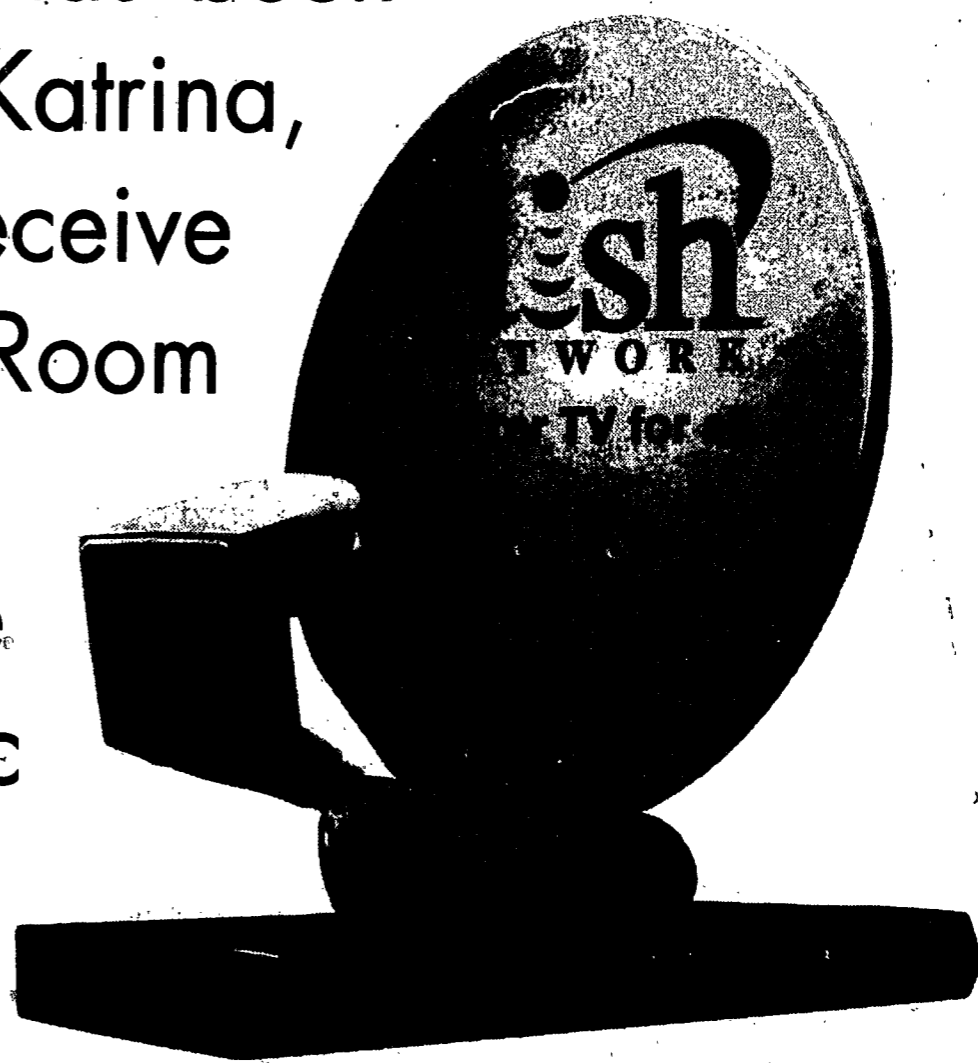
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Obituaries

WAYNE LADNER PEGGY LUXICH NANCY MURPHY

many nieces and nephews.

The visitation will be on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS from 9:00 a.m. until service time at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Bayou LaCroix Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

Luxich, Andrew Kospelich, Robbie Kospelich, Jenny Kospelich, and a Grandson, Jackson Kospelich, and many nieces & nephews.

The visitation will be on Friday, October 7, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. until Prayer Service time at 12 noon at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. Interment will follow in Old Lee Town Cemetery in Picayune, MS. In Lieu of flowers the family request donations to the Peggy Luxich Family at 9300 Dogpatch, Kiln, MS 39556.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge.

NANCY MURPHY

Nancy Bell Murphy, 86, of Bay St. Louis, MS died August 29, 2005 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

She was a native of Napoleon, MS and a life-long resident of Hancock County. She was of the Catholic Faith and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf. She was president of Pilot Club of Biloxi, NBVM Church Society, Disclaled Carmelites Secular order, Founder of Rabonni Ministry of OLG Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles B. & Mary Elizabeth Starks Murphy, 2 brothers, Charles & Samuel Murphy.

She is survived by 2 brothers, Mike Murphy and Joseph R. Murphy both of Bay St. Louis, MS; 4 sisters, Lucille Witter of Bay St. Louis, MS, Doris M. Balias of Gulfport, MS, Margaret M. Ladner of Pearlinton, MS, and Sister Claudia Murphy of Madison, MS, and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2005 at 12 Noon in Napoleon Cemetery in Napoleon, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

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WAYNE LADNER

Wayne Robert Ladner, 54, of Lakeshore, MS died October 2, 2005 in Kiln, MS. He was a Veteran serving in the U.S. Army and was in the residential construction business.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Hester & Josephine Geis Ladner; sister, Karen A. Ladner; 2 brothers, Barry L. and Bryan K. Ladner.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy Pace Ladner of Lakeshore, MS; 2 sons, Lodge Ladner and Jonathan Ladner both of Lakeshore, MS; 4 brothers, Dr. Ken Ladner of Silver City, NM, Gerald H. Ladner of Perkinston, MS, Roy B. Ladner, Sr. of Lakeshore, MS, Terrell E. Ladner of Kiln, MS; and 3 sisters, C. Diane Bradford, Joellen D. Strong both of Bay St. Louis, MS, Barbara S. Mollere of Waveland, MS; and also

PEGGY LUXICH

Peggy Regina Luxich, 55, of Bay St. Louis, MS died October 3, 2005 in Gulfport, MS. She was a native of Picayune, MS and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Troy R. and Birtie Breland Page, and step-mother Bettye Page.

She is survived by 2 sons Donald Luxich & wife Kim of Harrison County, John Luxich, Jr. & wife Kim of Bay St. Louis, MS; daughter, Regina Spiers of Bay St. Louis, MS; 3 brothers, Donald Page & wife Sharon of OK, Johnny Williams & wife Pat of Seminary, MS, Ronnie Patton & wife Natelie of Saucier, MS; sister, Shelia Davis & husband Tim of Kiln, MS; 8 grandchildren, Douglas Spiers, Jr., Macayla Spiers, Miniah Munger, John Luxich, III, William

Not all Bay-Waveland school facilities ready

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools are set to open to students November 1, but where may be another question. Middle school students will return to the middle school, but it hasn't been determined yet if the high school will be ready for students.

Portable classrooms will be set up for Second St. and North Bay and Waveland Elementary. Some nine portable classrooms have arrived and will be set up this week by Red Horse Air National Guard at Waveland Elementary.

Three lift stations will assist local sewer systems and help prevent backups.

This week the district is allowing faculty members to enter their with a restoration and mold remediation specialist.

The specialist is advising teachers and staff as to what is safe to remove. Nothing will be recovered from North Bay Elementary.

The school was too badly damaged by the storm to allow for safe retrieval, said board president Sherry Ponder.

Documents will be salvaged from Central Office also. Documents to be saved will be placed in a refrigerated truck to just above freezing until bids for restoration are complete. Documents will be scanned and saved in digital form. All District vehicles have been declared a 100 percent loss.

Second Street Elementary has been closed as a shelter in an effort to move remaining evacuees into one central location, said Bay Waveland School Superintendent. Kim

Stasny, and so that clean up at the school can begin.

Hancock supers to meet today

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors will meet today at 4 p.m. in the cafeteria of the votech building at the emergency operations center at Hancock High School.

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Sports

Hawks fall in re-opener; Smith & Necaie gain offensive/defensive player of the week honors

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks stumbled 42-6 against the Ocean Springs Greyhounds in their re-opener on Friday, September 30th. The Pirates of Pass Christian also fell to Perry Central 32-0 and the Tigers of Bay High were idle on Friday. The Hawks (0-2, 0-1) took a 6-0 lead when

Braxton Necaie tossed a 32-yard strike to Chris Jochum following a 54-yard kickoff return by Andrew Smith that set up the score.

The Greyhounds responded on the ensuing drive and held the Hawks in check. Andrew Smith had 80 yards on 15 carries for the Hawks plus the 54-yard return.

Defensively, the

Hawks were led by sophomore linebacker Brentley Necaie. He recorded 13 total tackles, including 4 tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

The Hawks return to action on Friday, October 7th on the road at Pascagoula.

The Panthers were on the losing end of a 21-6 decision with the Gulfport

Admirals. The Pirates of Pass Christian (1-2) fell to Perry Central 32-0 on the road in New Augusta. Kenny Williams of Perry Central had 150 yards on 14 carries and two scores. Perry Central rushed for 365 yards as a team against the Pirates while Pass Christian managed just 56 yards on 18 carries.

The Pirates travel to

Picayune (1-3, 1-0) on Friday night to tangle with the Maroon Tide who gained their first win of the season with a 38-18 decision over the Pearl River Central Blue Devils. The Tigers of Bay High (2-0, 1-0) were idle this past week but return to action on Friday night at home against the Poplarville Hornets in a Division 8-4A clash.

The Offensive Player of the Week for Week #3 is Hancock's Andrew Smith who tallied 80 yards on 15 carries against the defending South State 5A champion Greyhounds.

The Defensive Player of the Week is Hancock's Brentley Necaie who tallied 13 total tackles in the 42-6 loss to Ocean Springs.

Former Rock Kyle Lewis leads Ole Miss to CC win

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

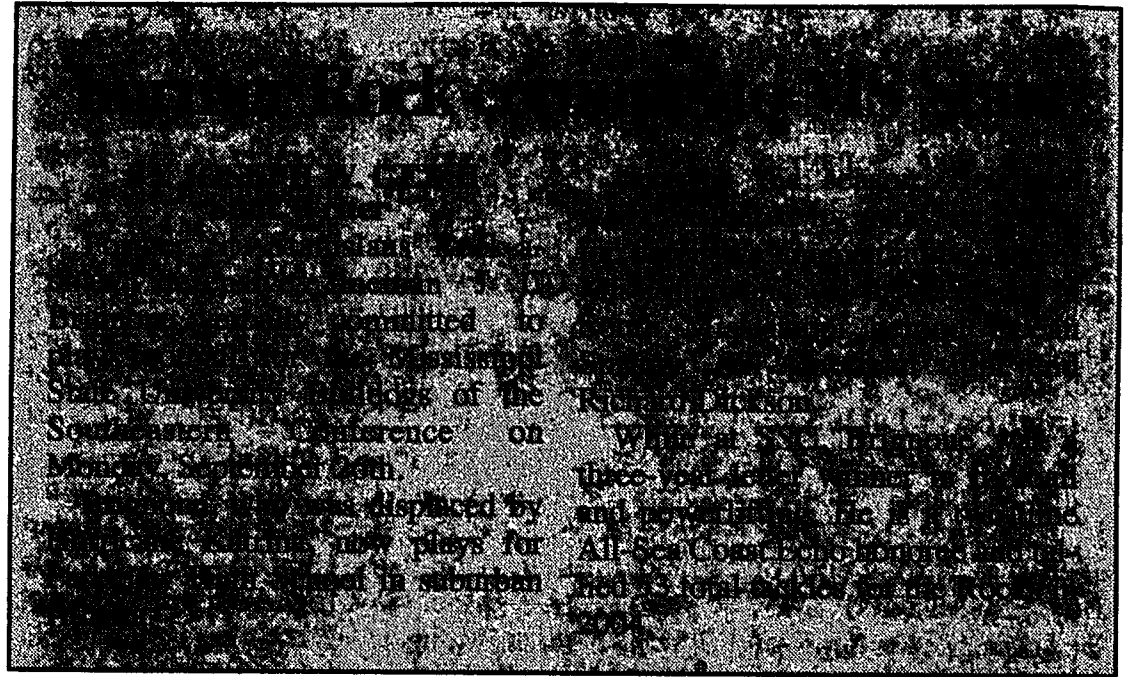
Former St. Stanislaus cross country and track & field star Kyle Lewis led the Ole Miss Rebels to the overall team title at the Arkansas State Invitational meet on Saturday, October 1st. Lewis finished second

overall with a time of 26:12. The Lady Rebels placed second overall led by junior Shannon Chandler who finished third individually with a time of 19:47.

The win by the Rebels on Saturday was the first team title in 2005 who head to the Saluki

Invitational in Carbonale, IL, on Saturday.

While at SSC, Lewis became one of SSC's most accomplished runners winning state titles in 2004 in the 3200m and 1600m races. He was an All-State runner from his eighth grade year forward.



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Hancock Building official Mickey Lagasse answers phone calls Wednesday at the EOC office at Kiln.

Kiln -- county seat

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Kiln, traffic jams often center around the light at Hwy. 603 and the Kiln DeLisle Rd, near two of the only gas stations open on the route north up Hwy. 603. Diesel is available at Dolly's and the parking lot is often filled to overflowing with the trucks of relief workers as well as locals. Without the ability to "pay at the pump" the lines inside are long.

For the Cajun Village, formerly Cajun Connection, business has increased four times, said Christine Fortune, who owns the business with her husband Jim. On Monday, their daughter Stephanie, who works as day manager, was in charge of the place with the help of her own daughter Destanie. People were waiting for a seat while a steady stream of diners paid their bill.

The restaurant is the first in the area to open after the storm.

"We were really lucky to get our electricity back just a little over a week after the storm," said Stephanie. "We cleaned up and the health department came out and inspected the place."

The restaurant had some roof damage but no flood water, she said. For now they are serving a limited menu, hamburgers, catfish and shrimp sandwiches and poboyos,

plus a buffet. They are offering ten percent off for relief workers.

Stephanie says her parents have been working seven days a week and she now relieves them two days a week. For now, the restaurant is closed on Sundays.

Coastal Hardware owner Mary Ann Strickland, along with store manager George Gilmore, employees Suzy Fair and Steve Couldrovich, dad Vincent Peccaro, hardware rep Sonny Thomas and a host of family and friends, managed to lose only a couple of days of business for the worst storm to hit the U.S. mainland.

The store closed at 1 p.m. on Sunday, the day before the storm, and reopened on Wednesday following the storm, in spite of about four feet of water inside, a missing roof, and a collapsed lumber shed.

It was a little slow the first week, Fair said, but once people realized we were here, there was a lot of business. The business didn't change, but what people want has, said Gilmore.

"Since the storm it is completely different," Gilmore said. "Now people are buying a lot of plumbing supplies, electrical supplies, rakes, shovels, chain saws, axes, you name it. We

have all the regular people, but there are also many from out of town.

Right now people have to park in front and go around back to a tent and two feed storage bins that used to hold dog and horse food. The store will be torn down and rebuilt, Strickland said. Until then a new building will be constructed next to it where the store will be located.

Strickland herself and others are living in travel trailers next to the store, since homes were destroyed. That kind of makes the business a full time, seven-day-a-week venture, she said. None of them has had time to take off even a day to work on salvaging things from their homes. The business recently cut back hours to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., but is still open seven days a week.



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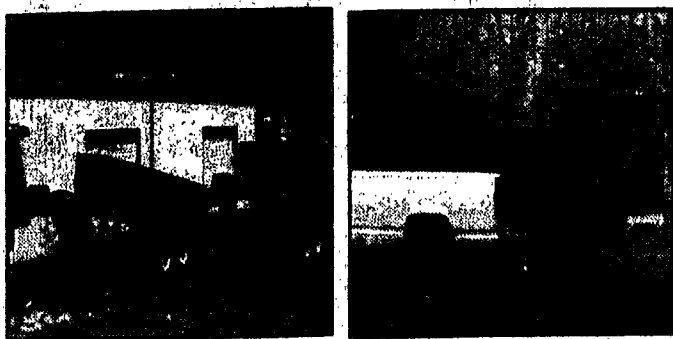
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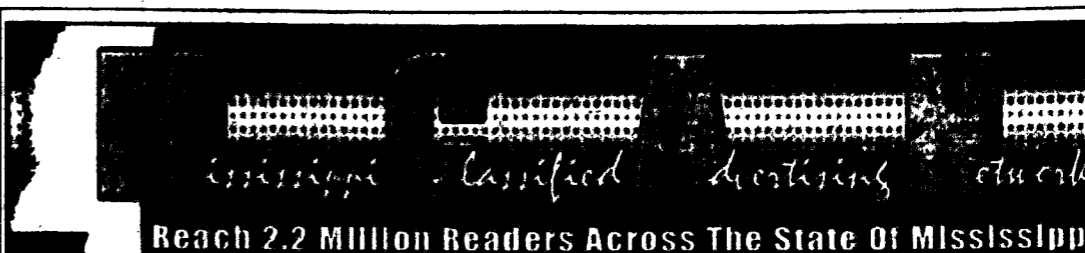
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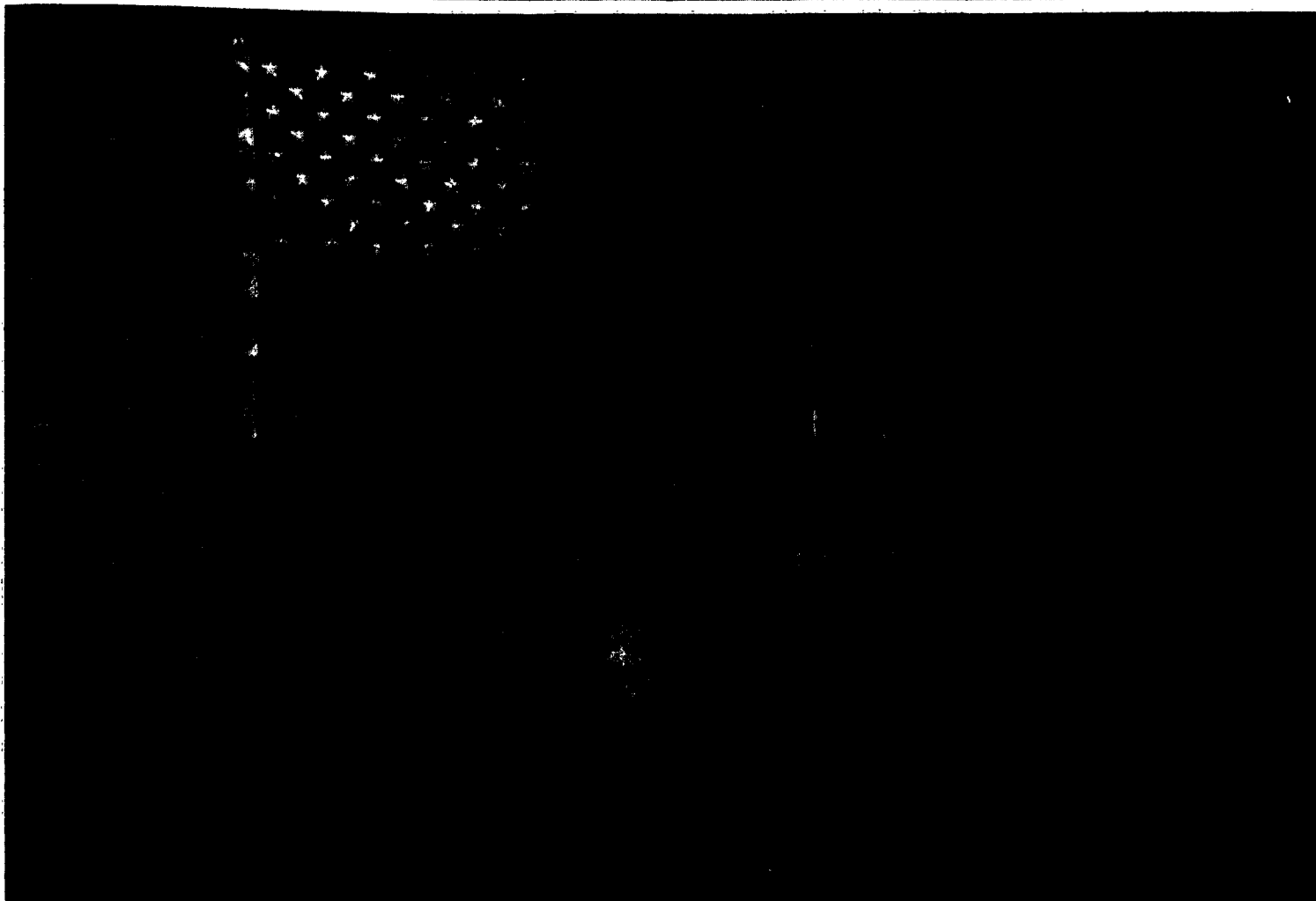
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Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre speaks during a town hall-style meeting on Saturday at the old Train Depot. Echo staff photo by Jace Ponder

Bay St. Louis working to get back in business after Hurricane Katrina

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis Councilmen — with the exception of Councilman Doug Seal — voted last week to approve a new flood plain ordinance. Seal said he was not familiar enough with the provisions to make a decision. On Tuesday council announced that a public hearing would be required before the regulations could be implemented. No building permits are being issued in A and V zones until then. New flood plain maps will be issued in the near future. It was unclear whether councilmen would have a say in how the maps are drawn.

City attorney John Scafide said they would not have a say because flood plain areas are set at a federal level. New maps could increase A-zone and V-zone areas, said building official Bill Carrigee. V-zones are areas that are likely to be impacted by wave action of more than three feet.

New flood plain regulations will affect all areas of special flood hazard, said Scafide and if new areas are designated as special flood plain hazard area, then they will be affected by ordinances and freeboard requirements.

All new construction and buildings which sus-

tained damage to more than 50 percent of assessed value will be affected by the new ordinances.

Mayor Eddie Favre said he was asking the county to put a moratorium on issuing any building permits in the area of the county which would be affected by annexation until a decision is issued. Favre said he expected a decision soon. A decision was due in June, but has never been made.

Thousands of people live in the affected area. If annexation goes through then city building codes would apply in the annexed area.

In other business:

• A town meeting will be held each Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Depot in Bay St. Louis until further notice. Entertainment will follow the meeting. City Council will meet every Tuesday at 5 p.m. upstairs at the Depot until further notice. Curfew in Bay St. Louis will be 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. as of October 5. On football game nights curfew will be extended to one hour after the game.

• At last Saturday's meeting, Mayor Favre said that the rebuilding of Beach Rd. will be done right. Talk is underway with MDOT, the Corp of Engineers, and the County to make a third

lane for parking from Highway 90 to Washington.

• Central points will be set up throughout the county, hopefully by October 17, so that people can sign a release for private property cleanup. The county and Waveland have said that they will not go on private property unless a release is signed. Bay St. Louis said they will go on private property with or without a release to clean up storm debris.

Favre said this does not mean that there will be total dozing of trees or structures, just debris cleanup.

• Several residents complained about cleanup crews. They said that crews are pulling up trees, knocking down phone poles, and breaking water lines. Favre said over 100 breaks have been reported since cleanup started.

• Favre said that officials hope to complete one span of a twin span bridge across the Bay by 2006, with completion of both spans by the spring of 2007. For now officials are working with MDOT to secure a ferry service to Pass Christian.

• Bay building officials ask that people placing travel trailers on their property allow a ten foot front and side set back from other structures. More than one

trailer will be allowed on property as long as the setbacks are maintained.

• Carrigee said that homeowners will need to replace all horizontal wiring in homes that were flooded. If insurance companies say they won't pay for the repair or property owners feel they are not getting a fair deal from their insurance companies, he said that homeowners can call him personally to come out to talk to the inspector. If wires are not replaced they could be a fire hazard later, so insurance should pay for the repair, he said, otherwise they can pay later for the fire. The building department is located upstairs at the Depot.

• About 90 percent of the sewer in occupied areas is up and running. Feel free to shower and flush. But don't drink the water yet. Leaks are still being repaired.

• You may call public works at 467-0439 or the fire station at 467-5151 or the police station at 467-9221 for questions or concerns about sewer or water service or other concerns.

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Cherilyn Wipell may also be in attendance. Wipell is a local building inspector.

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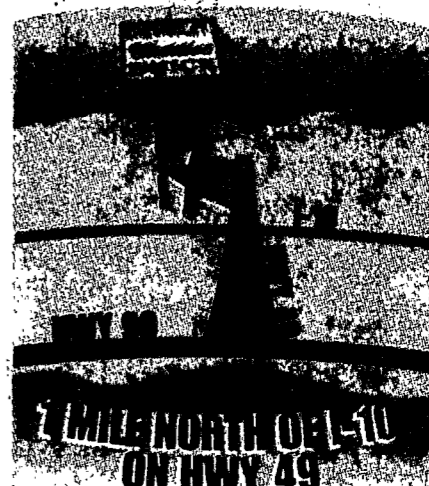
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